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## **CORRECTIONAL INDUSTRIES, REVENUE CABINET AND PVAS TEAM UP**

**FRANKFORT, KY (February 26, 2001)** – The Kentucky Revenue Cabinet (KRC), together with several Property Valuation Administrators (PVAs), have teamed up with Kentucky Correctional Industries (KCI) of the Justice Cabinet to prepare computer generated maps to be used by the PVAs in the identification of property.

Under the agreement, which was approved by the General Assembly's Government Contract Review Committee, inmates at the Luther Lockett Correctional Complex at LaGrange, utilizing state-of-the-art software and training provided by KRC staff, will digitize and register county property maps from scanned images of aerial photographs. Approximately 168,000 parcels of both urban and rural property will be digitized and registered. It is estimated that it will take about one year to complete the work. KCI will receive \$0.40 per parcel for rural parcels and \$0.25 per parcel for urban parcels.

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"KRC is very pleased to be able to work with KCI to get this important computer mapping done," said Secretary Mike Haydon of KRC. "Neither Revenue nor the local PVA offices have the personnel or financial resources necessary to perform this vital function on their own. If the work were contracted to the private sector, the cost would easily be \$1.50 to \$2.00 per parcel," said Haydon.

Inmates working on the project will not have access to social security numbers or any other confidential taxpayer information. All documents and information to be used in the project are public records. In addition, before delivery to KCI, KRC staff will delete any information such as road names or county names from the scanned images of the maps.

"KCI is especially pleased to be providing these mapping services to the Revenue Cabinet and the counties," said Tom Grissom, director of the KCI. "Projects such as mapping services provide KCI with an opportunity to train inmates in a highly technical skill. The tremendous interest in the use of GIS technology in both the public and private sectors can create some post-incarceration job opportunities for inmates that are so vital for their rehabilitation," said Grissom.

Among the counties initially participating in the program are Anderson, Breckinridge, Butler, Grant, Pulaski, Simpson, Trimble and Whitley.

KRS 123.670 requires KRC to provide detailed maps identifying every parcel of real property within each county.